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Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina[Cabrera-Stagno.Valentina@epa.gov]; Foresman, Erin[Foresman.Erin@epa.gov]
From: Vendlinski, Tim
Sent: Wed 11/13/2013 12:07:44 AM
Subject: RE: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

Thanks for your note, Diane, I totally understand, and we look forward to catching up with you soon.

The meeting on 11/22 might suffice for discussing these points, but a pre-meeting with you may be warranted so we can vet some of the details beforehand.

Also, some groundwork with your colleagues may be necessary to minimize any surprises on 11/21 and 11/22 even though we detailed our concerns and recommendations surrounding the SED in our March 28th letter to the Board (Erin sent a copy of that letter to you this morning). Once Erin and Valentina have returned, I'll review the notes I gathered during this afternoon's call/meeting with the fish agencies, and discuss next steps with you and the SWRCB.

Best, Tim

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From: Riddle, Diane@Waterboards [mailto:Diane.Riddle@waterboards.ca.gov]
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To: Foresman, Erin
Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina; Vendlinski, Tim
Subject: RE: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

I'm sorry I didn't get to this before the meeting. I was working on a rush assignment and had a child care situation as well. We can discuss your comments in more detail. I think there are some pros and cons to your suggestions that we can discuss at our coordination meeting on the 22nd if that works for you. Please let me know.

Thanks,

Diane

From: Foresman, Erin [mailto:Foresman.Erin@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2013 9:22 AM
To: Riddle, Diane@Waterboards
Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina; vendlinski.tim@epa.gov
Subject: RE: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

Hi Diane,

Thanks for your reply and offer to meet today before the 1:00 pm meeting. I would like to do that but I'm at home with a sick me and sick daughter. We have an 11:30 Dr. appt and might not be done by 12:30. So, I'll describe what we want to discuss regarding the narrative objective here. If we're done with the 11:30 appointment maybe we can quickly chat before the 1:00 PM meeting. I planned on calling in for most of the 1:00 to 3:00 meeting this afternoon but I may explore another option. I'll let the group know about that soon.

We want to discuss a few things about the narrative objective:

- Applying the objective annually instead of seasonally
- Removing the phrase "together with other reasonably controllable measures in the San Joaquin River Watershed"

- Referencing the CV Chinook doubling objective and/or
- Defining the term viable

These are the items that we'd like to talk to your team about so that the objective is measurable and enforceable. We understand that the San Joaquin River settlement process is working on quantitative targets for for the Stanislaus. We are wondering how you see that process working into the narrative objective or potentially the definition of viable in the narrative objective.

I attached our comment letter and a list of EPA approved narrative flow objectives just for easy references. The focus at R9 in water permit approvals and from EPA HQ is 'measurable and enforceable' so we're trying to be consistent with those efforts. The "together with other reasonable controllable measures in the San Joaquin River watershed" is problematic for achieving the measurable and enforceable target as well as not defining what we mean by viable.

It would be really great to talk with you about these things. I'm so sorry I'm not as available as I would like to be today. Should we try to talk at 12:30 – I can just call you quickly if we are still stuck at our Dr.'s office (sometimes they're on time, lots of times they are not).

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From: Riddle, Diane@Waterboards [<mailto:Diane.Riddle@waterboards.ca.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2013 4:02 PM
To: Foresman, Erin; Vendlinski, Tim
Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina
Subject: RE: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

Hi Erin,

Re: Nov 12- we can discuss your comments before the meeting. Do you want to meet at 12:30?

Re: Nov21- the Bay-Delta Team is the meeting between the State and RBs to discuss Delta issues we are all working on. We don't have a separate Strat Plan meeting. This meeting is every other month. The timing sometimes varies, but is usually 10-12 on the 3rd Thurs. The seniors meeting is monthly, but I think we talked about you guys coming every other month. This is a meeting to internally coordinate my Bay-Delta staff on phases 1 and 2 and BDCP. The times vary based on availability. When you asked to attend some of our meetings I thought we could expand the purpose of this meeting, but to be honest, I really think the fish agency coordination meetings and Bay-Delta team might be a better forum for the kind of issues you want to discuss with us, or that we have targeted discussions. I have suggested and hope that it will occur to split the fish agency meetings between the phases so that we can have more focused discussions without wasting others time. Maybe if there are specific issues you want to discuss that you don't think make sense with the whole fish agency group, we can do that before or after that meeting. I am still open to you attending the seniors meeting as well if you think that makes sense, I'm just trying to be efficient with all the meetings me and my staff have to attend. Since phase 1 and 2 staff attend the seniors meeting, I'm not sure detailed discussions on issues specific to one phase make sense. I also have bi-weekly phase 1 and phase 2 meetings that we could think about using as needed or every 3rd or so meeting. Let me know what you think.

Re- Nov 22, 1-2 works for us. I have reserved a room (1410) and made an appointment with staff. If this needs to change, please let me know.

Thanks,

Diane

From: Foresman, Erin [<mailto:Foresman.Erin@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2013 9:17 AM

To: Riddle, Diane@Waterboards; vendlinski.tim@epa.gov
Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina
Subject: RE: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

Hi Everyone,

Diane and Tim thanks for the quick replies and ideas. I think that a meeting with Diane's group and Tim, Valentina, and myself works to discuss the LSR narrative objective on 11/22 after the SB-EPA quarterly meeting. We're really excited to regularly participate in the Bay-Delta Seniors and the Water Boards Strategic Plan bi-monthly meetings and want to continue doing that. I feel like we got started just in time for a few postponements and the shutdown. It's good timing to figure out how to keep going.

I looked at our calendars and realized maybe I am confused about the different meetings. Here is what I think could work, sprinkled with some questions.

November 12, 2013 – Interagency Phase I meeting – I plan to attend this; Valentina will be away. There are some items about the LSJR narrative objective that are best to discuss first with Diane's team before we talk about them with the larger interagency group. I could go over those with Diane prior to this meeting and/or we could discuss on 11/22 after the state board quarterly meeting. Valentina should be a part of that discussion but she is not available on 11/12.

November 21, 2013 – Bay-Delta Team Meeting (SWRCB, RB2, and RB5). We plan to attend but I thought this meeting was the 'Strategic Plan' Water Board group. We would focus on Action Plan progress and SFBay Improvement Fund items from EPA at this meeting. I have "Bay-Delta Seniors" in my calendar meeting on a Thursday (second Thursday?) from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM every other month. Is that right understanding of these meetings or do I have it turned around? I agree the discussion about LSJR & tribes narrative objective is better for a smaller group. It could work at the seniors meeting. We missed the last Bay-Delta Seniors meeting b/c it was on October 10. It would happen again, maybe December 12 (?). I don't have that in my calendar right now. We'd like to have the LSR & tribes narrative conversation before that date.

November 22, 2013 – Quarterly EPA State Board Meeting in AM, LSJR & Tribes narrative

objective discussion in afternoon? Tim, Valentina and I could meet with Diane's group about the LSJR narrative objective on 11/22 after the SB-EPA quarterly meeting. I don't know what time the quarterly meeting is scheduled but it has been in the 10 to noon time frame in the past. We could tentatively schedule 1:00 to 2:00 on 11/22 for our discussion and confirm once Tim or Diane can confirm the quarterly meeting time. I will send a meeting invitation after that to get it on calendars.

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From: Riddle, Diane@Waterboards [<mailto:Diane.Riddle@waterboards.ca.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 4:47 PM
To: Vendlinski, Tim; Foresman, Erin
Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina
Subject: RE: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

Hi Tim,

If you are interested in joining the seniors meeting on the 21st we can do that. Alternatively, if you would like to focus on the narrative, I think a focused discussion would be best on the 22nd. Also, we are planning a phase 2/BDGP meeting in the next couple of weeks that might be a better forum for that kind of discussion. In addition, we have the fish agency coordination meeting next week on phase 1 that can cover other phase 1 issues. We plan to discuss adaptive mgmt. and the actions by other entities. However, if there are issues you would like to discuss without the fish agencies, we can do that at the seniors meeting as well or another. Please let me know what works best and if there are specific issues you would like to cover with us and we can

figure out the best forum.

Regarding the EPA meeting, I will be calling in, but would love to have lunch another time...thanks for offering.

Thanks,

Diane

From: Vendlinski, Tim [<mailto:vendlinski.tim@epa.gov>]
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Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina
Subject: RE: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

Hello Friends:

My calendar has 11/21 (Thursday) penciled-in as the meeting of the "SWRCB Seniors".

Is that meeting still on and will we still participate in a portion of the meeting?

Would the narrative objective discussion be appropriate for this venue or too detailed?

For 11/22 (Friday) I have penciled-in the quarterly State Board – EPA managers meeting in San Francisco.

Diane, from your note below, it sounds like you are planning to participate by phone.

However, if you change your mind and come in person, I'll take you out to lunch in the City ;-)
and we can meet afterward about narrative objectives.

A train could still get you back to Sacto by sundown.

It was good to see Erin's note about my calendar on 11/20 because I'm totally booked but by e-calendar needs to be updated to reflect my commitments.

Best Regards, Tim

From: Riddle, Diane@Waterboards [<mailto:Diane.Riddle@waterboards.ca.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 2:51 PM
To: Foresman, Erin
Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina; Vendlinski, Tim
Subject: RE: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

I am out in the south Delta on the 20th so how about the 22nd at 1. I can get a room here if that works for you and a call in number if needed.

From: Foresman, Erin [<mailto:Foresman.Erin@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 7:40 AM
To: Riddle, Diane@Waterboards
Cc: Cabrera-Stagno, Valentina; vendlinski.tim@epa.gov
Subject: Date & time for narrative objective discussion

Hi Diane,

Thanks for the quick phone call yesterday. I checked Tim and Valentina's calendars and we are fairly open on November 20 and 22. The 22 is the Friday before Thanksgiving so it might not work for you or some of your team? Let me know if either of those days work for you and what times are best. I think we can finish in an hour or less.

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